

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

Please delete the title of the application and replace it with the following:

**--METHOD FOR OBTAINING A THIN, STABILIZED FLUORINE-DOPED
SILICA LAYER, RESULTING THIN LAYER, AND USE THEREOF IN OPHTHALMIC
OPTICS--**

At page 1, line 4, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a national phase application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/FR2003/002487 filed 7 August 2003, which claims priority to French Application No. 02/10110 filed 8 August 2002 and French Application No. 02/10112 filed 8 August 2002. The entire text of each of the above-referenced disclosures is specifically incorporated by reference herein without disclaimer.--